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I met God in the morning,
When the day was at its best;
And His presence came like sunrise
With a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me;
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them,
Brought to us both calm and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse on mind,
When I, too, had loosed the moorings,
With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way;
You must seek Him in the morning,
If you want Him through the day.

Ralph Cushman

From



The President

THERE is something tragically amiss in the situation today. On the one hand, the infinite resources of God's grace have become available for the salvation of mankind; but, on the other hand, lamentably little of it is being applied and experienced.

Think of the riches and adequacy of grace! God the Father is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. He was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. Not only was the whole world included in the plan of redemption, but provision was made for man to be delivered and cleansed from all sin.

Complete remission of sins is a part of the new covenant. The blood of Jesus Christ "cleanseth from all sin." We have a High Priest who is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by Him. God has not only chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, but He has made available a new life and a moral dynamic by which His ideal can be realized. Besides the plan of the Father and the provision of Christ through His Cross, the third person of the Trinity, the blessed Holy Spirit, has been given to make us effective, adequate, and victorious. We are to

be more than conquerors through Him that loved us. There is no question about the riches of grace—every child of God can be a millionaire in things spiritual!

But the weakness of the modern church seems to belie the adequacy of grace. How lifeless, how powerless are many congregations and many Christians. We seem to be no match for the terrible evil in the world. Sin is rampant, wickedness reigns in high places, the God-denying forces are in the ascendancy. The greatest hour of need in the world's history is upon us, and it seems that the church is playing at religion while a world goes to hell.

There is something wrong with the church—the channel that God has ordained to communicate His grace to men. There is something paralyzing the priests who should be weeping between the "porch and the altar." Recently an old veteran of long experience as a district superintendent of a large denomination said that the church can be blamed for the condition in the world, and the ministry can be blamed for the condition of the church!

For one thing, there is a fatal denial of the effectiveness of the atoning sacrifice of Christ in cleans-

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THE INHERITANCE

OF THE SAINTS

Colossians 1:12

IN LIGHT

by B. Leitner

An inheritance is that received by nature, by birth into a household; it is an acquisition by family right. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Cor. 2:14). There is, then, a difference between the natural family of father, mother, children, and the spiritual family—between the children born of earthly parents and the children born of the Spirit. So, in order to be heirs of our Heavenly Father's riches in glory, we must be born again. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (John 3:5-7).

This truth explains the worthlessness of self-reformation; it ac-

counts for Matthew 12:43-45: "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places seeking rest and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first." Obviously the man who is merely moral in his own strength is not an heir in the family and is faced toward eternal poverty and destruction. But "God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance," (II Peter 3:9), and He will in no wise cast out the one who cries for mercy, but will give birth to that soul; and to all who are thus members of the household of faith, He will say, "Behold, my mother and my brethren," (Matthew 12:49), "Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 25:34.)

All contained in the family inheritance allotted to the child of God is bound up in eternal life; all else that is ours to use arises

from that life. What a privilege, when our bank account of eternal life is secure in our sonship to take by our checkbook of prayer an exceeding abundant supply of "the peace of God that passes all understanding." This much is our responsibility, that we keep looking to Him in prayer, that we write the check. He will keep us in perfect peace if our mind is stayed on Him, because we trust in Him with whom we are joint-heirs, not only of the heavenly kingdom, but of the Father's Words, which assure us of peace and mercy.

Cashing in on our bank account also brings forth hope "to whom God would make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." What is the greatest thing for which heirs in any family can hope? Is it the house; is it the jewels; is it the estate; is it inherited mental or moral traits? A little eleven-year-old boy, whose father had been drowned, seemed to be casting envious eyes on a new baseball owned by a chum. The chum, sorry for the bereaved child, offered him the ball as a gift. But the boy turned away tearfully and said, "I don't want anything but my daddy." Above all hope for eternal life or peace or any other gift, "We would see Jesus." "And He shall so

come in like manner" (Acts 1:11) as He was taken from the Apostles into Heaven. This is the glorious hope given unto the members of the family. How eagerly we hope that the time shall soon be when we "shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory," and we shall meet the Lord in the air and ever be with Him.

Was the price too high? We gave up sin and self; we received a Name, life eternal, peace, and the hope of meeting Jesus face to face to be with Him forever: "the inheritance of the saints in light." There is suffering, but we count this loss to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering." "The price could not be too high."

"Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought and hoped and
known;
Yet how rich is my condition:
God and Heav'n are still my
own."

"I can't get interested in missions," remarked a young lady.

"No wonder," she was told. "You can't expect to. It's just like getting interest at your bank. You have to put something in first, and the more you put in, the more your interest grows."

COVER PHOTO

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence I. Birkey are putting the finishing touches on the manuscript of a book to be used as a text in the mission schools of the Congo. As they finish the manuscript they also end their furlough—they sail for Africa this month. Mr. Birkey is a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible Institute.

concerning prayer

by REV. A. W. ROFFE

When it is a matter of prayer we cannot look for anything pertaining to a mass movement. An appalling number of those whose Christian testimony may not be questioned are content to live on a pitifully low level and remain utter strangers to the realm of intercession.

While not admitted by all who hold connection with the Church, it must be confessed that in too many instances prayer is being relegated to a mere perfunctory form of religious ritual, and one is led to raise the solemn question—to how many is prayer a worthwhile reality?

It is amazing that so many who are expected to render God service in God's way should continue to be satisfied with the use of carnal weapons.

We have been reminded that prayer is omnipotent. If there is no question mark against this teaching many Christians should humble themselves and confess with whole-hearted confession the sin of being too busy to pray.

Of machinery in connection with Church work and missionary endeavor we have an abundance, but as we study the situation and watch the movements of some of God's fully surrendered servants it be-

comes more and more evident that God and a man meet the need, and that the superabundance of machinery could be and should be materially reduced, providing the Holy Spirit be given His God ordained place in the Church.

It has been rightly said, if we understood the wide range of administrative power that prayer offers, we would pursue it to its limits. But the crowd, and of course we are referring to believers, the crowd will never go this way.

The Adversary, who seldom operates in the open, but on the most subtle lines, is quick to suggest that the work Christians are engaged in is THE LORD'S WORK and must have attention, hence with the utmost complacency, many who should know better are witnessing to the fact—the awful fact that they are too preoccupied to pray.

Be afraid of your busy life. Be alarmed at your tendency to rush. May it be given you to see that much waiting upon God, and not hurry is the true pulse of the spiritual life.

With what brand are your prayers stamped? Prayer is tremendous in its working, but set a watch on the manner in which you pray.

A letter from one of our mission fields is before us on our desk,
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Each year the students publish the Light Tower . . .
a book of life at Fort Wayne Bible Institute. Since almost
every phase of school life during the year is covered,
it takes the staff a year to produce the book.

Above: Assistant Editor Faythe Ringenberg, Faculty Advisor
Harvey L. Mitchell, Editor-in-chief Paul Grabill,
Business Manager Wade Parker and Senior Class
President Paul Erdel met early last fall to lay the plans
and get the ball rolling.



Photographs

Taking pictures is one of the big jobs in producing a year book. No matter how many photos Chief Photographer James Canon, assisted by Helen Wade and Max Applegate, turned in they found that the editor was always hungry for more. "We won't use all of the shots they take, but it gives us a better selection from which to choose."

Gladys Cate, left, and Ruth Zollner tackled a bigger job than they thought when they became secretaries for the Light Tower. The editorial, art, sales, publicity, advertising, printing and business departments all shoved work in their direction. "Even though there is a lot to be done, we enjoy it."

Letters





Advertising

Advertising Manager Howard Dunlap and Gerald Gerig talk to Mrs. Hutson at Hutson's Pharmacy about their ad this year. Almost all of the ads require a personal call.

Artists Vurla Birkey and Eleanor Lyon and the Ed work out the page layouts and make the selections of photos. It is easy to see which two are doing the work here.

Two important staff members not shown are Publicity Mgr. Frank Deninger and Sales Mgr. Letha Snyder. They must have done their work well for there are only about 100 copies left and the book is not off the press yet. The year book sells for \$3.50.



Art



Morris Jackson, Jr.

STUDENT, FORT WAYNE BIBLE INSTITUTE

PASTOR, CHRISTIAN UNION CHURCH

CALLED HOME, MARCH 20, 1948

In the pulpit of his church at West Unity, Ohio, Morris Jackson became critically ill. A few days later he heard his Saviour say,

“Morris, thy task on earth is o’er.”

He spoke in accent low:

“I’ll carry thee to a better land,
above this world of woe.”

Morris has entered into a higher service. The work he has done here will endure to all eternity. What an abundant entrance he must have had. What a welcome from the Lord he loved so well.

CONCERNING PRAYER

from it we quote as follows: "After three years I am beginning to realize what a fight the enemy puts up against one who is desirous of entering the life of prayer."

Our missionary friend is making an important discovery. He does not refer in his letter to seasons of prayer, helpful and blessed as these may be, but to "entering the life of prayer."

Many Christians appear to be having a serious time trying to decide concerning their relation to the world and its ever increasing attractive programmes. This and all other problems will be solved when the prayer problem is definitely settled.

It has been wisely stated, if the world is ever again to get on its feet, the Church will have to get on its knees.

Those who practice the presence of God, who spend much time with Him alone are not men of the crowd. It is not difficult to realize how lonely a way was that marked out for the apostle Paul. Men who honor God's call to prayer are men of the separated walk.

Off to Arabia you must surely go! How many of us understand the significance of those words, "I went into Arabia"?

The comment by Dr. Alex. Whyte is worth repeating. This is what

he says, "What a three years were those that Paul spent in Arabia! Never did any other Lord receive His own again with such usury as when Paul went into Arabia with Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms in his knapsack, and returned to Damascus with the Romans and the Ephesians and the Colossians in his mouth and heart."

Paul was a very lonely man, and if you are going to experience the blessings that attach to the ministry of prayer, then off to Arabia you must go. And in going to Arabia bear in mind there is no time limit with the Lord.

We are rapidly approaching the day when the brethren will consider it a sign of superior knowledge to look askance at the man of prayer. Be not perturbed. It's the way of the majority, it's the way of the crowd. Ever remember, God and a man meet the need!

Beyond all doubt, "What this nation needs is a man to lead it in prayer."

In accepting the responsibility of preparing these lines we are constrained to confess, no man can pray in his own wisdom or strength. The prayer way is a hidden way, and yet it is a way made plain to the trusting soul who wills to pay the price and become familiar therewith.

the end

We believe you've often said: "You must see a copy of the Bible Vision . . . here, take my copy." That's why we thought you'd like us to send a free copy to friends of yours who have not discovered how stimulating the Bible Vision can be.

We'll be glad to send a copy to as many as five of your friends if you'll send us their names and addresses. There is no cost to you or your friends, no obligation whatever. Please mail the list promptly as our supply is limited. Address Bible Vision, 3822 South Wayne Ave., Fort Wayne 6, Ind.

Fellowship

Circle

ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT

All members of the Fellowship Circle who will not be present at the Annual Meeting on May 26 may vote by marking the following ballot, and mailing it to Miss Wauneta Shoup, 3820 South Wayne Ave., Fort Wayne 6, Indiana. All such ballots should be in by May the 24th.

Vice President:

Oscar Eicher
Raymond Hein

Corresponding Secretary:

Kathleen Inniger
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Elda Gerber
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Nominating Committee:

(Vote for three)

Carl Parlee
Walter Lugibihl
Harvey Mitchell
Mrs. Newell Neuhauser
Mildred Hirschy
Esther Marks

Miss Amy Leightner, '47, Pandora, Ohio, has returned to the Institute to take Mrs. Harlan Wright's place in the office of Founders' Memorial. Since Miss Miller's marriage, Mrs. Wright is working for the Registrar and Mrs. John Gates for President Witmer. We are happy to welcome Miss Leight-

ner and Mrs. Gates to the Institute Staff.

Mr. Arthur Neuenschwander, '47, of Berne, Indiana, is in the evangelistic field, and recently held services in the Union Chapel at Bryant, Indiana, where Mr. Eloyd Lehman, '47, is pastor. The Lord blessed them richly during those meetings.

We are glad to learn of the good work Miss Bernadette Hower of Goshen, Indiana, and a student in '45-'46, is doing in Crawfield County, Indiana. She is under the American Sunday School Union, and teaches Bible in 16 public schools, holding 28 classes a week in this county. She also conducts a Sunday School there. Her testimony is that she enjoys the work very much, and although it isn't easy, the blessing of the Lord is upon her.

Miss Anna Laughbaum, '41, Bethany-Peniel College, Bethany, Oklahoma, writes: "Thank you for your second reminder concerning the expiration of my subscription to the **Bible Vision**. I find that I am just as absent-minded as professors of longer standing! Or perhaps, I am still suffering from the after effects of a Ph.D. received in February. At any rate, I do enjoy the surprises and inspiration of the **Bible Vision** and would like my subscription renewed for two years."

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FROM THE MAILBAG

". . . As my past experiences take their places in the hall of values, there, in a prominent place, are the spiritual influences from B. I. "God bless our Bible Institute, our Alma Mater, loved by all."

"This past year has brought me to a richer experience in Christ. The first year in the pastorate revealed much in my life and work that

needed changing. It helped me to decrease in self and have Christ take a greater place. The beginning of my second year at Temple is again proving to be a helpful experience. Don MacIntosh is there this year working on his doctorate.

On September 29 I began working as assistant minister of the First Methodist Church in Collingswood, N. J. Again, God has especially favored me because I am working with a very godly man and a large group of genuinely consecrated laymen. Souls are being saved and we support our own missionaries in China, India, Africa, Bolivia, Central America and five missions in this country. It is a great church because many lives are channels for the work of the Holy Spirit and Christ is given the glory. My work is advisor to the youth departments, holding week-day Bible classes, pastoral visitation and preaching occasionally. The value of this experience cannot be measured. Incidentally, the strict discipline has no little part in the good received. Humbly I face this great task knowing that any good done will only come by the Holy Spirit through a yielded life."

Frank E. Sweeten ('44)
Camden, New Jersey

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Excerpts from the class letter of some of the members from the class of 1939 follow:

". . . We began our 6th year in September in the Missionary Church at Clyde, Ohio. We have a Sunday School and church attendance of between 70-100, with a good number of young people. Of course this place is like many others, it occasionally drops below the 70 mark. Three of our young men went to B. I. at Fort Wayne this fall, and a few of the girls are

looking forward to going when they are out of high school. We covet their lives for the Lord's service. We expect to have the Men's Chorus of which I believe the boys are members, on Easter Sunday morning. I always love to hear the various musical groups from B. I., as well as the testimonies, etc. Though I didn't graduate, yet I feel it well worth while to attend B. I. for more reasons than one. Ha!

Norman ('39) has been keeping busy with the ministry, janitor work, writing comments for the Missionary Worker S. S. lessons, and then the new S. S. Quarterlies, besides other extras."

Myrtle (Yoder) Moser, '37-'39

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". . . We are still here at West Missionary Church just west of Berne, Ind. We enjoy the work and are in our fourth year now. We have seen God's blessing upon the work, but are feeling the need of revival. I just told my people last night that it has been months since we had souls pray through and be saved or filled with the Holy Spirit. However, we believe God is preparing hearts now for real revival. We have so many young married couples that need to be saved. There has been some improvement among the young people, spiritually, but not as it ought to be. As for numbers, there has been an increase. The S. S. average attendance in 1946 was 206 and as things are now we should average more than 230 for 1947. This is a conservative, "religious?" community. People have heard so much Gospel that little moves them anymore. I think sometimes that much of the conservatism is downright plain stubbornness."

Oscar A. Eicher

"... I am teaching Bible in our public school here at Wren, Ohio, this year. I feel it is a wonderful privilege. It is given one afternoon a week to all eight grades. I enjoy it very much even though it does require a lot of time and preparation. With my two children to care for my time is pretty well taken up but I am happy that I can serve my Lord in this way. I would appreciate your prayers that the blessing of the Lord might be upon this ministry."

Ruth (McClure) Rupp

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NEW ARRIVALS

Teresa Ann was born February 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Leinbach (nee Naomi Wise '44-'45), of Goshen, Indiana. Teresa Ann has a sister by the name of Sheila Kay.

Rev. and Mrs. David Rupp, Jr., are the parents of a baby girl, Nancy, born on February the 25th, in Magburaka, Sierra Leone, West Africa. Mr. Rupp graduated in the class of 1938, and Mrs. Rupp was a student in '34-'36.

Mr. '46 and Mrs. '44 David F. Siemens, Jr., have received into their home a little son by the name of David Francis Siemens, III, on March the 6th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Siemens graduated last June from Defiance College, and are now pastoring the Baptist Church at New Matamoras, Ohio.

A 7 lb., 11½ oz. baby boy, David Lavern, was born March 16 to Mr. and Mrs. '46 Delmar Stalter. Mr. Stalter is a member of this year's graduating class.

The announcement was just received of the new arrival of Joyce Elaine on March 19, into the home of Rev. '44 and Mrs. '39 Glen Head, who are pastoring the Missionary Church at Elkton, Michigan.



Wendall Sousley and Gordon Schwab have a broad smile as they assemble the new electric floor scrubber. They think they know of several others who will be happy about the new time and labor saver.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

ing and purifying the channel from all sin. Until there is fuller salvation experienced by God's people, there will be no revival. Holiness fighters and sin-excusers only stay the Hand that would intervene with a mighty bestowal of saving grace.

Another fatal weakness is prayerlessness. Oh, for a band of people who would really pray and intercede for a lost world. God is saying as He did to captive Israel of old, "Concerning the work of my hands command ye me!" He is ready to intervene if we will only pray.

God is able for the desperate moral and spiritual crisis of our time. Are we willing to meet the conditions of absolute submission to His will, death to self, inner cleansing, earnest intercession and prevailing prayer?

The Wrong Number

It happens sometime to everybody. Here in our new home we are getting accustomed to using a dial telephone. The other day I picked up the phone to call a friend and dialed what I thought was his number. When the connection was made I said in my usual cheery tone, "Hello George . . ." Came the gruff reply, "George who, Bud? What number are you callin'?" "Isn't this Trenton 0001?" I asked. "Naw. Ya got the wrong number. This is Trenton 0002, Bud." I had made the simple mistake of dialing a 2 instead of a 1 and got a couple of gruff "Buds" for my trouble.

There is an unbreakable dial system between earth and heaven. If we use the instrument of prayer properly so that connection is made between our hearts and God, then we must dial correctly. If we leave out any factor in the dial we get only "the wrong number."

The first dial of prayer is that we ourselves have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." There are millions of prayers that rise from the throats of non-Christian creeds, but unless Christ is in the heart those prayers are in vain. They never go higher than the ceiling.

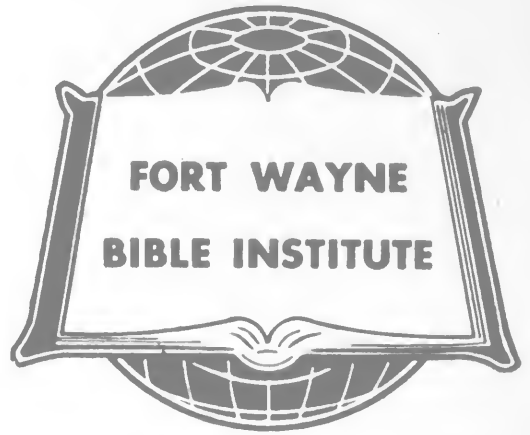
The second dial of prayer is that we must be living in submission to His will. If there is unconfessed or harbored sin in the life you will not get your Party.

TRY THIS ONE

If your knees knock, kneel on them.

Bunyan: Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.

Would You Sign This Letter ?



Dear Rev. Witmer:

Time is passing rapidly for both of us.

The needs of the Institute are great. The world's need of the Institute is greater. We must have well-trained Christian workers.

I know that money put into the school will pay eternal dividends. I know that it will help to carry the Good News of Salvation around the world.

Here is my check. I will back the Institute in prayer, and send gifts from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

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Over the years Fort Wayne Bible Institute has grown from a small school occupying one building to a Bible College with 300 students and a beautiful campus with five buildings. Last year an additional 13 acres were purchased for further expansion.

This expansion of God's work depends upon the gifts of Christian friends. Fort Wayne Bible Institute offers you an opportunity for such service. Would you be willing to sign a letter like the one suggested above?

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